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SUBJECT: CARBORUNDUM'S INTEREST IN YUGOSLAV JOINT VENTURE

TO VIEGINIA YORIO FOR J.S. WALKER, USYEC GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY 570 LEXINGTON AVE. NEW YORK, NY 10022 TELEX: RCA 234 698

DEAR JIM: MAGNOHROM OF KRALJEVO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HEARING FURTHER FROM CARBORUNDUM ABOUT THEIR INTEREST IN A FIBERFRAX JOINT VENTURE. I BELEIVE MAGNOHROM EXACTLY MEETS THE SPECIFICATIONS OUTLINED IN YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 9. IN SOUNDING MAGNOHROM OUT WE HAVE DISCOVERED THAT AT ONE TIME THEY HAD BEEN CARBORUNDUM U.K.'S EXCLUSIVE AGENT FOR REFRACTORIES. THIS ARRANGEMENT WAS DISSOLVED A FEW YEARS AGO DUE TO THE LACK OF BUSINESS. HOWEVER, AT THAT TIME THEIR CONTRACT COVERED ONLY DIRECT SALES OF REFRACTORIES OF WHICH MAGNOHROM IS THE LARGEST MANUFACTURER IN YUGOSLAVIA. THERE ARE NO HARD FEELINGS ON MAGNOHROM'S PART, AND I AM SURE CARBORUNDUM U.S. CAN CONSULT WITH CARBORUNDUM U.K. ABOUT THEIR PAST RELATIONSHIP WITH MAGNOHROM.

AT PRESENT MAGNOHROM PRODUCES MAGNESITE, MAGNESIA-BASED REFRACTORIES, AND HOUSEHMMD THERMO-STORAGE HEATERS. TWO ARTICLES FROM OUR FILES ON MAGNOHROM ARE BEING SENT TO YOU UNDER UNCLASSIFIED

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SEPERATE COVER. CARBORUNDUM MAY WISH TO WRITE TO MR. SLAVOLJUB MIZRAKOVIC, FOREIGN TRADE MANAGER, MAGNOHROM, KNEZ MIHAILOVA 52, 11000 BELGRADE, TELEX: 17630, TELEPHONE 625-466.

OTHER PROSPECTS WHICH APPEAR TO MEET CARBORUNDUM SPECIFICATIONS ARE: SAMOT, RUDNICI I INDUSTRIJA SAMOTA, PP 1, 34300 ARANDJELOVAC, ING. DRAGOLJUB RAJKOVIC, DIRECTOR GENERAL,

TELEX: 17119, TELEPHONE 86-511; KOLUBARA, RUDARSKO ENERGETSKO INDUSTRIJSKINYOMBINAT, 14 0 VREOCI, MR. MILAN MILETIC, DIRECTOR GENERAL, TELEX: 12428, TELEPHONE 81-311.

OTHER POSSIBLE CONTACTS ARE: PARTIZAN, PRILEP; ELKA, ARANDJELOVAC, PRIVI MAJ, LESNICA; AND CRENA ZVEZDA, PEHCEVO (MACEDONIA).

CARBORUNDUM'S AGENZGIN SKOPJE/(PLEASE SUPPLY NAME) PROBABLY HAS RECOMMENDED PEHCEVO. ALL OF THESE FIRMS ARE RELATIVELY SMALL AND/OR ISOLATED AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE SUITABLE CONTACTS FOR CARBORUNDUM. SINCERELY, ROBERT BRUCE MCMULLEN, AMERICAN EMBASSY, BELGRADE, YUGOSLAVIA, TELEX: 11529.

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